

COMMUNITY AND FAMILY STRENGTHENING EFFORTS IN THE EARLY CHILDHOOD
SPACE:

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER ASSOCIATION AND THE
EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL LEADERSHIP ASSOCIATION

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EXAMPLES OF ECC AND FRC SHARED SUCCESS

- Shared Referral and Information Systems provide warm hand-offs and support families to access services across Early Learning, Family Support, and Health and Wellness systems (Freemont, Teller, Pueblo, Mesa Counties).
- Shared training opportunities build community relationships and a “no wrong door” approach (Adams, Boulder, Broomfield, Weld, Jefferson Counties).
- Shared planning provides alignment to meet community needs and a whole family approach to service delivery (Grand, Jackson, Garfield, Pitkin, Lake, Eagle Counties).
- Joint funding strategies ensure alignment while maximizing limited resources (Summit, Adams Counties).
- Local communities engage in joint operations to best meet their community’s needs for quality EC service delivery (Morgan, San Miguel, Ouray Counties).

FRCA AND ECCLA COLLABORATE DURING THE PANDEMIC

- In April of 2020, as the Covid-19 pandemic hit, families and early care and education providers had difficulty accessing diapers, wipes, formula, and PPE.
- Working with the Office of Early Childhood, FRCA and ECCLA rapidly delivered FEMA supplies using the statewide infrastructure of 34 Early Childhood Councils and 33 Family Resource Centers.
- Within a few weeks over 23,000 packages of diapers, 53,000 packages of wipes, and 8,200 cans of formula were in the hands of local families and providers.
- Families visiting ECC's and FRC's were also able to obtain other services while visiting the centers.

COLLABORATION MATTERS

Our goal is to improve outcomes for children and families by aligning, strengthening, sustaining, and expanding the Early Childhood Council and Family Resource Center systems.

Local communities need collaborative infrastructure to ensure families have the resources and access to services that support positive child outcomes and meet community needs.

Collaboration is supported by shared referrals and relationships, and tools like the Collaboration Guide and Coordination Toolkit created by the Office of Early Childhood, FRCA, and ECCLA.

Strong collaboration needs resources and funding to support relationships and increase system building as we create effective and efficient cross-domain Early Childhood systems.

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[Link to Local Early Childhood Systems Coordination Toolkit](#)

[Link to the Collaboration Guide: Family Resource Centers and Early Childhood Councils](#)